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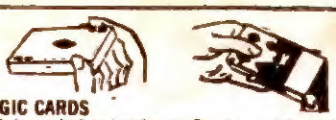

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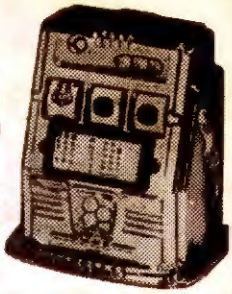

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AT A PUBLIC EXHIBIT OF THE NEWEST AIR FORCE TECHNOLOGY...
I'VE LEARNED ALL I NEED TO KNOW! NOW I'D BETTER DEPART BEFORE CAPTAIN ADAM RECOGNIZES ME!
THAT MAN LEAVING, GUNNER! IT'S PROF. KOSTE!
ISN'T THAT THE GUY YOU HAD DISMISSED AS A SECURITY RISK?
YES, HE'S LEAVING... BUT I DON'T LIKE HIS BEING HERE!
THE UNIT I WANT IS HERE! WE MUST GET IT NOW... WHILE SECURITY IS LIMITED!
ALTHOUGH I QUESTIONED PROF. KOSTE'S LOYALTY, I COULD NEVER PROVE ANYTHING. CHECK WITH SECURITY...WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!
OUTSIDE THE EXHIBIT...
UNIT IS LOCATED IN SECTOR 8 OF HALL. PROCEED WITH OPERATION SCRAMBLE IMMEDIATELY!
AND ON A NEARBY ROOF TOP...
OKAY, LET'S MOVE OUT!
WHO ARE THEY?
WHAT THE.. ?
AND THE CROWDS STARE IN UTTER FEAR AS ANOTHER COSTUMED FIGURE SEEMS TO MELT HIS WAY THROUGH A SOLID WALL!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFTER BUT I'LL MAKE SURE YOU DON'T SUCCEED!
HOW.. ?
2

GATHER AROUND, BOYS! IT'S NO CONTEST FIGHTING YOU ONE AT A TIME!
I'LL GIVE... AWK!
IT'S CAPTAIN ATOM!
THIS IS MORE LIKE IT! TWO AT THE SAME TIME!
I'LL HAVE TO KEEP YOU GUYS BUSY MYSELF! THE CROWDS ARE PROBABLY HAMPERING GUNNER AND HIS MEN!
AND I THOUGHT I'D MISS SOMETHING BY NOT STAYING HOME TO WATCH THAT SUPER HERO SHOW ON TV! BOY!
MAYBE I CAN STOP THAT MEDDLER WITH MY BLASTER!
THE BLASTER WON'T STOP HIM! I'LL SHOOT DOWN THAT EXHIBIT!
OH-OH!
HELP! RUN!
GOT IT! JUST IN TIME!
CAPTAIN ATOM SAVED US!
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LOOK AT THOSE RATS RUN!
I MIGHT STILL CATCH THEM... WAIT..!
THE BLAST TORE MY PROTECTIVE UNIFORM! RADIATION IS POURING OUT!
CAPTAIN ATOM, GIVE ME YOUR AUTOGRAPH!
NO! NO!
ME, TOO!
THEY MUSTN'T COME ANY CLOSER! AND I CAN'T JET OUT OF HERE... I'D SPREAD RADIATION OVER EVERYONE!
I'VE JUST GOT TO TOUCH CAPT. ATOM!
DON'T!
GET BACK! MY UNIFORM IS LEAKING RADIO-ACTIVITY! GUNNER! MOVE THE CROWDS BACK TO A SAFE DISTANCE!
HE'S GLOWING!
GET THEM ALL OUT OF HERE, GUNNER! I'LL MAKE A BREAK FOR HQ. AND THE SPARE UNIFORM I KEEP THERE!
OKAY, FOLKS, EVERYONE BACK! MOVE OUT OF THE HALL QUICKLY!
THIS SHOT WILL MAKE EVERY NEWSPAPER IN AMERICA!
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE TURMOIL, PROF. KOGTE RE-ENTERED THE HALL...
WITH ALL THAT CONFUSION OVER THERE, I'VE GOT A CHANCE TO GET THE UNIT MYSELF!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT BUT NO ONE IS PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO ME!
THIS HELPS EVEN THE SCORE WITH CAPT. ADAM. LET HIM EXPLAIN WHY HIS SECURITY FAILED... EVEN WITH CAPTAIN ATOM'S HELP! HA! HA! HA!

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N. HUMANITY
DESTROY THEM, HENNESSEY!
I HEAR AND OBEY, LADY DAWN!
THE FIGHTIN' FIVE IS DOOMED! NOW, NO ONE STANDS IN OUR WAY
NO! HANK... NO! ARGHHH!

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ON SALE NOW!

I'M GOING BACK TO THE BASE TO GET THAT SPARE SUIT, GUNNER! CHECK TO SEE IF ANYTHING IS MISSING!
BUT EVEN AS CAPT. ATOM SPEAKS TELETYPES ARE SENDING THE NEWS TO ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, AND SOON...
HERO IS RADIOACTIVE MENACE
AIR FORCE SUPER HERO IS A THREAT TO THE PUBLIC
NEWS TONIGHT CENTERS AROUND CAPT. ATOM... AND THE DANGERS OF HIS RADIO ACTIVITY!
YEAH, THEY SHOULD DO SOMETHIN' ABOUT HIM!
A WORSE THREAT THAN THE REDS!
BAN CAPT. ATOM!
WHY DOES HE WEAR A MASK?
IT WAS BAD ENOUGH WHEN I LEARNED I COULD NEVER LEAD A NORMAL LIFE BECAUSE OF MY POWERS! BUT THIS!
WHAT'S THE GOVERNMENT DOING TO PROTECT US?
WHAT IF HE WENT BERSERK? WE'D ALL BE IN DANGER FROM HIM!
I WAS AFRAID THIS WOULD HAPPEN I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT UP SOMEHOW!
THE SENATE SHOULD INVESTIGATE!
IT'S PROOF THE CAPITALISTS ARE ENGAGING IN RADIOACTIVE WARFARE!
YES, MR. PRESIDENT, I UNDERSTAND! PUBLIC RELATIONS ARE AT A LOW EBB AND THIS GIVES US A POOR IMAGE ABROAD. WE'RE DOING ALL WE CAN TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THIS DISASTEROUS INCIDENT!
I CAN ONLY PUT THESE TWO TOP SCIENTISTS AT YOUR DISPOSAL, CAPT. ATOM! WITH ALL THE HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS WE HAVE GOING AIR FORCE FUNDS ARE LOW!
THEY'LL DO, GENERAL! THANKS!
THESE WIRES FEED THE REACTOR! ONE BREAK AND THE FLOW OF POWER INTO THE REACTOR COULD BUILD UP TO A CRITICAL STATE!
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I MANAGED TO GET THAT DOSSIER ON KOSTE! THOSE FLYING CHAPS MADE OFF WITH UNIT X-9 FROM THE EXHIBIT!
LET'S SEE IF IT CAN GIVE US A LEAD, SOMEHOW!
UMMM! PROF. MAX LIPAT WAS ONCE A GREAT FRIEND OF KOSTE! THEY WORKED ON A TOP SECRET PROJECT TOGETHER!
I'M GOING TO CHECK ON LIPAT, GUNNER! PERHAPS THAT PROJECT IS KOSTE'S GOAL!
BUT PROF. LIPAT ALREADY HAS COMPANY...
HELLO, MAX! AREN'T YOU GLAD TO SEE YOUR OLD FRIEND?
KOSTE, YOU MANIAC! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I'M GOING TO TAKE YOUR PLACE FOR TODAY, LIPAT!
JUST STAY NICE AND QUIET, MAX! DON'T WISH ME LUCK... I WON'T NEED IT!
SOON...
I'M INSIDE BUT I'LL NEVER GET NEAR THE PROJECT UNLESS I CAN PROVIDE SOME DIVERSIONARY ACTION!
CAPT. ATOM! COULD HE SUSPECT ? BUT WAIT- HE COULD BE JUST WHAT I NEED.
GEN. BIBB SAID YOU WERE TO CHECK SECURITY MEASURES, CAPT. ATOM.
LET'S MAKE IT QUICK! I WANT TO TALK TO LIPAT ABOUT KOSTE!
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I'LL CHECK THE NEW REACTOR VIA THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROTECTIVE SYSTEM!
RIGHT THIS WAY, SIR!
WATCHFUL EYES AND ALERT EARS HAVE ALSO MADE THEIR WAY TO THE SECURITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ROOM!
THE REACTOR... THAT'S MY GOAL! I MUST STUDY ITS CONSTRUCTION!
THOSE THINGS GET BIGGER AND MORE COMPLICATED ALL THE TIME!
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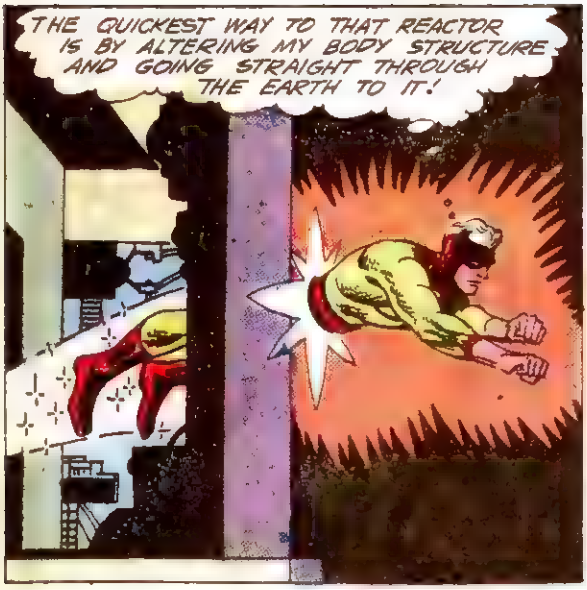
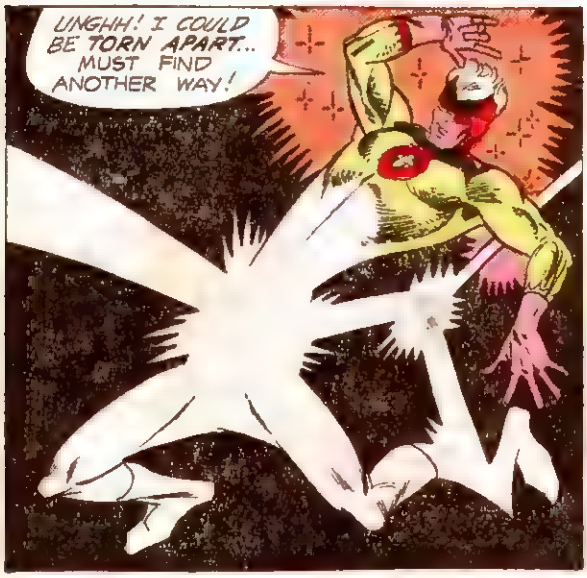
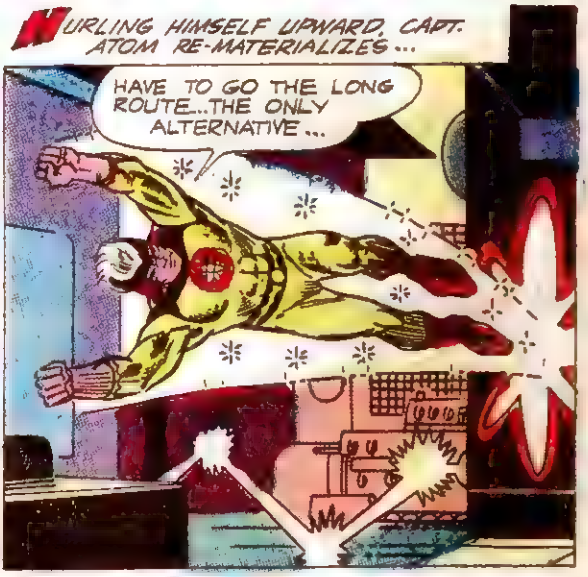
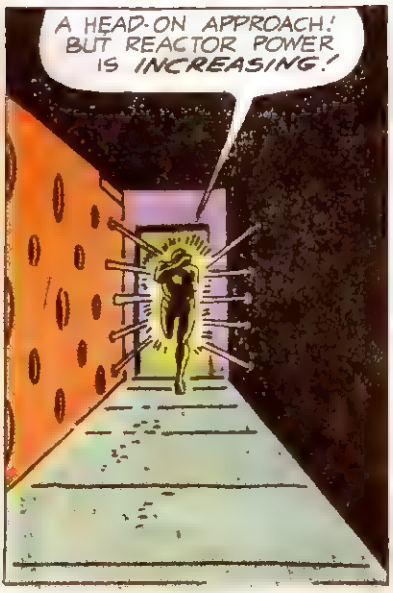
OUTSIDE, HELICOPTERS PATROL OVER THE MAIN COMPLEX AS WELL AS THE USUAL GUARD SYSTEMS.
ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE OPERATING PERFECTLY! NOW TO GET BACK TO WHAT I CAME HERE TO DO... SEE LIPATI...
CALL GEN. BIBB AND ASSURE HIM THAT EVERYTHING IS A-OKAY HERE! THEN I'LL TALK TO PROF. LIPATI!
IT'S NOW OR NEVER!
I'VE GOT TO RISK DEATH ITSELF! OR I MAY BE TRAPPED ON THIS BASE!
THESE WIRES FEED THE REACTOR! ONE BREAK AND THE FLOW OF POWER INTO THE REACTOR COULD BUILD UP TO A CRITICAL STATE!

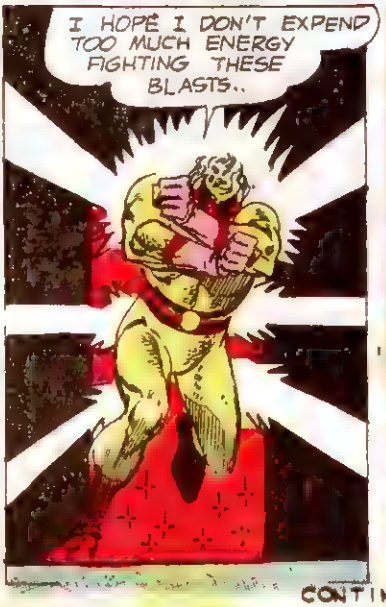
AND RISKING HIS OWN LIFE, PROF. KOSTE RIPS AT THE WIRING UNTIL...
GREAT SCOTT, RED ALERT!
IT'S THE REACTOR!
THE CONTROLS HAVE JAMMED! THE POWER IS BUILDING UP OUT OF CONTROL... LOOK!
THE REACTOR IS OUT OF CONTROL! UNLESS WE RELIEVE THE OVERLOAD ... IT'LL BLOW!
EVACUATE THE BASE IMMEDIATELY!
IF THAT THING SETS OFF A CHAIN REACTION, THE WHOLE STATE COULD BE BLOWN OFF THE EARTH!
THE TROOPS AND SCIENTIFIC CREW ARE QUICKLY EVACUATED!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
SHOVE OFF, COMMANDER! I THINK I CAN HALT THE RATE OF BUILD-UP IN THAT REACTOR AND I DON'T WANT YOU AROUND TO WATCH IF I'M WRONG!
NOW LET'S SEE WHAT ONE RADIOACTIVE MENACE CAN DO TO STOP ANOTHER!

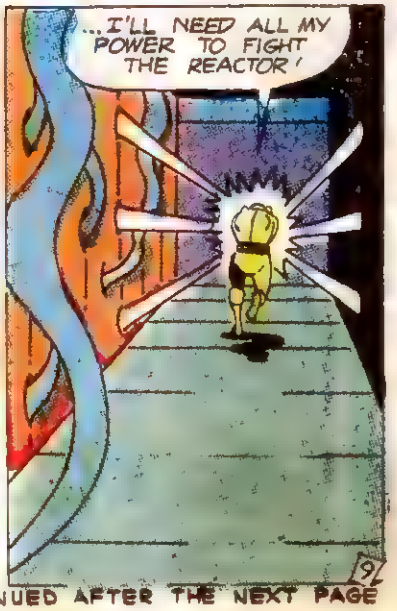












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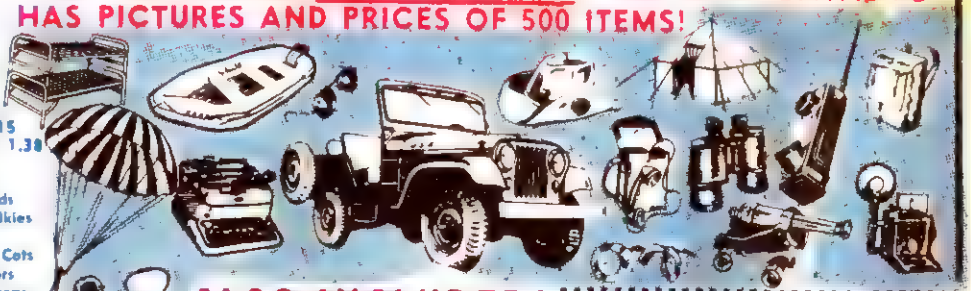

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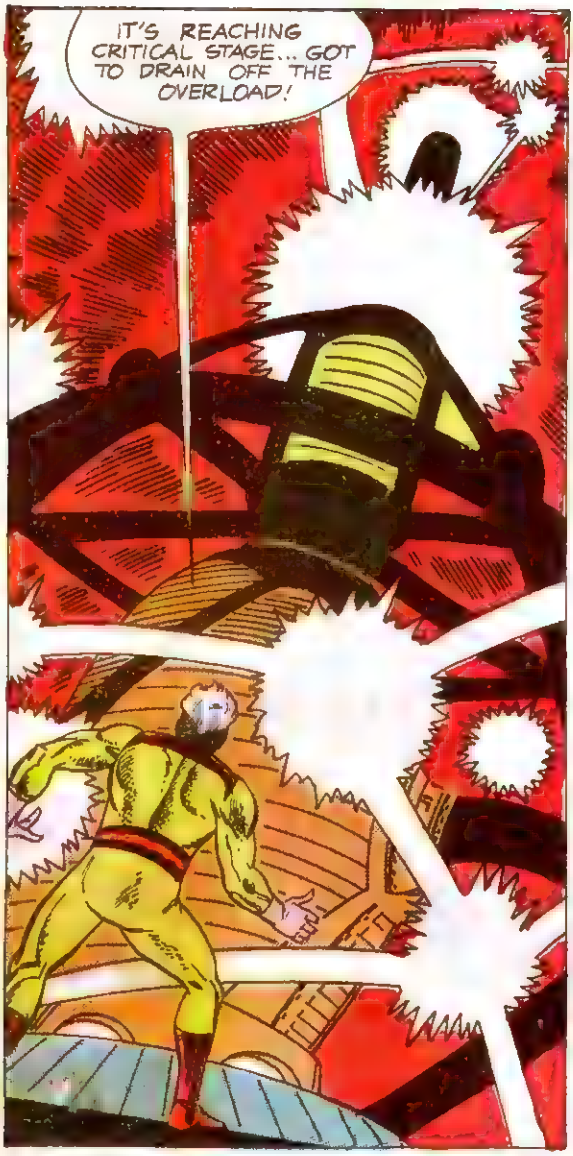
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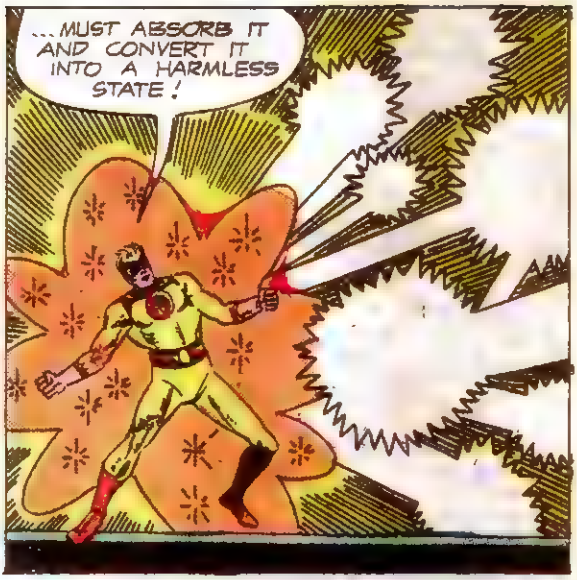
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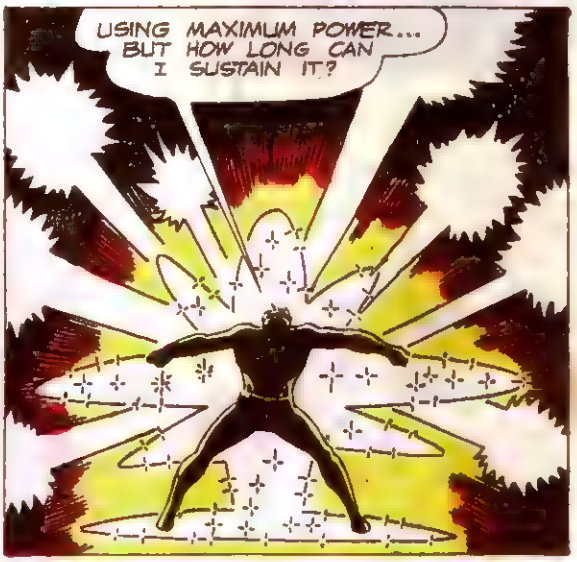
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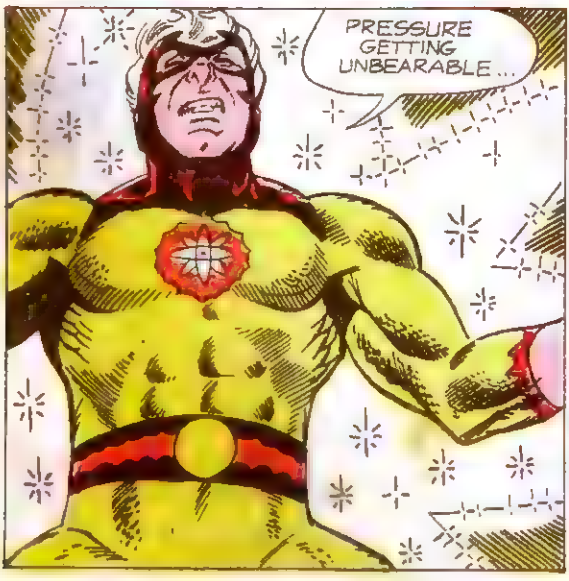

PRESSURE GETTING UNBEARABLE...

...GOT TO HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER!

THE PRESSURE... WILL IT... NEVER... LET UP!
I'M LOSING... CONTROL! AIEEEEEEE!
STRAINING EVERY FIBER OF HIS BODY, THE MIGHTY CAPT. ATOM FINDS HIS SENSES REELING AND HIS BODY WEAKENING!
SOME... THING... HAS GOT TO... GIVE! THE REACTOR... OR ME!

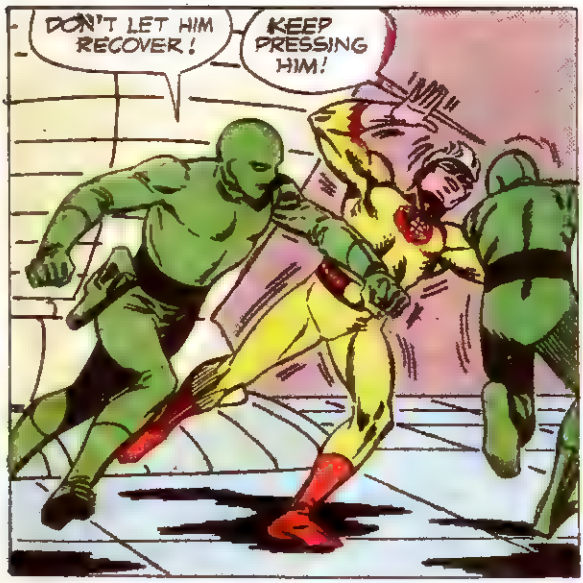
WHILE CAPT. ATOM'S SENSES FADE THOSE OF PROF KOSTE ARE COMING BACK INTO FOCUS..
THE ALERT SIGNAL! GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! THE BASE IS EMPTY!
GAINING HIS FEET, KOSTE CATCHES SIGHT OF THE TELEVISION SCREEN STILL MIRACULOUSLY OPERATING AND SHOWING THE BATTLE OF MAN AGAINST MACHINE!
IT'S COMING UNDER CONTROL... BUT I MUST TURN THE REACTOR OFF... OR THE POWER WILL BUILD UP AGAIN!
ONE FINAL EFFORT! FORCE A HUGE DRAIN ON... REACTOR!
SUDDEN LOSS SHOULD SHUT IT OFF... HOLD IT... HOLD... H-O-L-D...
OOOOHHH!
12

INCREDIBLE, HE DID IT! HE SHUT OFF THE REACTOR AND PREVENTED A CATASTROPHE... BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT FINISHED HIM!
I CAN'T WASTE ANOTHER SECOND! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO STUDY THE REACTOR! BETTER CONTACT MY MEN!
IN THE MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF THE BASE...
PROF. SAYS WE SHOULD GET UP TO THE BASE PRONTO! ON THE DOUBLE, MEN!
AND SO THE LOW FLYING HOVERCRAFT SLIPPED ONTO THE BASE!
I DON'T KNOW HOW THE PROF DID IT BUT THE BASE IS EMPTY!
MEANWHILE, BENEATH THE EARTH, CAPTAIN ATOM STIRS...
OHHH! I...I'M STILL ALIVE...BUT... BUT THE REACTOR...?
I...I DID IT... THE REACTOR IS OFF AND THE DANGER IS GONE!
3

SWITCHING ON THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO RECALL THE AIR FORCE UNITS ATTACHED TO THE BASE, CAPT. ATOM SEES...
...WHAT THE! KOSTE AND HIS MEN!
KOSTE WAS BEHIND ALL THIS! I HAVE TO STOP HIM!
A SHORTCUT THROUGH THE EARTH. OUGHT TO BE SAFE NOW THAT THE REACTOR IS SAFE!
I CAN'T WAIT TO GET MY HANDS ON THOSE GUYS...
BUT...
WHA...? I CAN'T GO THROUGH!
...OR BACK!
GOT TO BACK OUT! EXERT WHAT POWERS I HAVE... A LITTLE MORE... EASY NOW!
WHEW! FREE! BUT WHAT HAPPENED?

I... I MUST CHECK MY POWER! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO CRUSH THIS PILLAR WITH EASE!
IT'S NO USE! I... CAN'T BUDGE IT!
SOMETHING HAPPENED DURING MY STRUGGLE WITH THE REACTOR... I'VE LOST MY POWER!
HEAR THAT, MEN! WE'RE ON EVEN TERMS! GET HIM!
WITH PLEASURE, BOSS!
KOSTE!
I MAY HAVE NO POWER, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO FIGHT!

IT MAY SEEM LIKE THE FOOLHARDY THING TO DO, BUT I'LL FIGHT YOU ALL!
HE CAN'T LAST LONG! WE OUTNUMBER HIM!
STRIKE THREE! YOUR TEAM JUST RACKED UP ANOTHER OUT!
AROUND AND AROUND I GO, AND WHEN I HIT YOU, DOWN YOU GO!
TAG — YOU'RE IT!
HE'S GOT TO BREAK DOWN SOON! HE CAN'T KEEP THIS UP!
WEAKENING... CAN'T TAKE TOO MUCH MORE!
UNGHH! THEY... THEY'RE GETTING TO ME!



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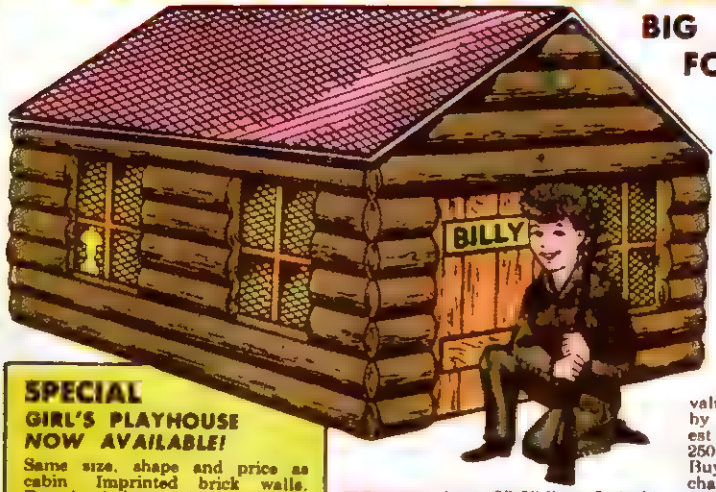

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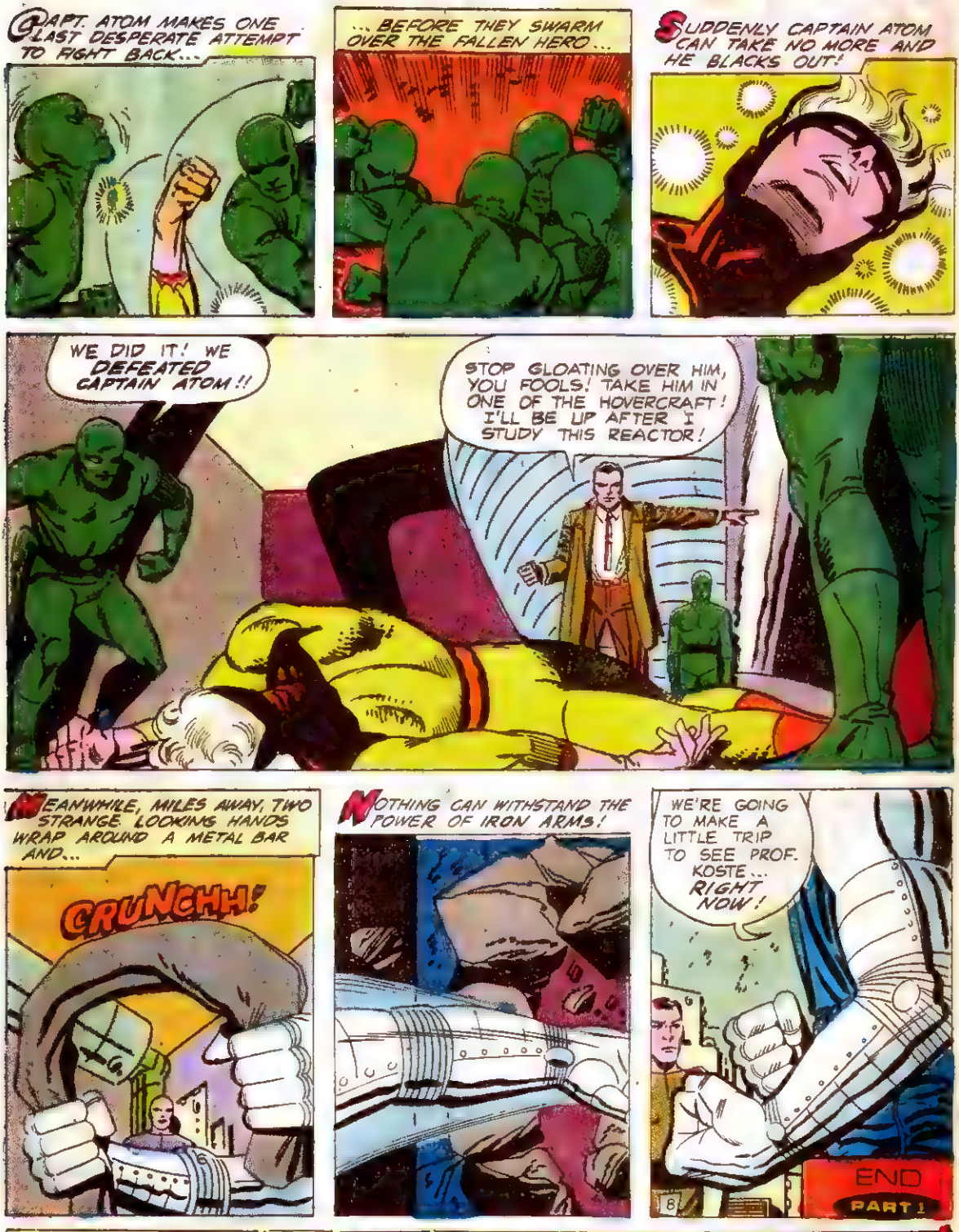
CAPT. ATOM MAKES ONE LAST DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO FIGHT BACK...
...BEFORE THEY SWARM OVER THE FALLEN HERO...
SUDDENLY CAPTAIN ATOM CAN TAKE NO MORE AND HE BLACKS OUT!
WE DID IT! WE DEFEATED CAPTAIN ATOM!!
STOP GLOATING OVER HIM, YOU FOOLS! TAKE HIM IN ONE OF THE HOVERCRAFT! I'LL BE UP AFTER I STUDY THIS REACTOR!
MEANWHILE, MILES AWAY, TWO STRANGE LOOKING HANDS WRAP AROUND A METAL BAR AND...
CRUNCHH!
NOTHING CAN WITHSTAND THE POWER OF IRON ARMS!
WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A LITTLE TRIP TO SEE PROF. KOSTE... RIGHT NOW!
END PART 1
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IN NEXT ISSUE'S CONCLUSION YOU WILL....

SEE THE DRAMATIC CHANGES IN CAPT. ATOM!

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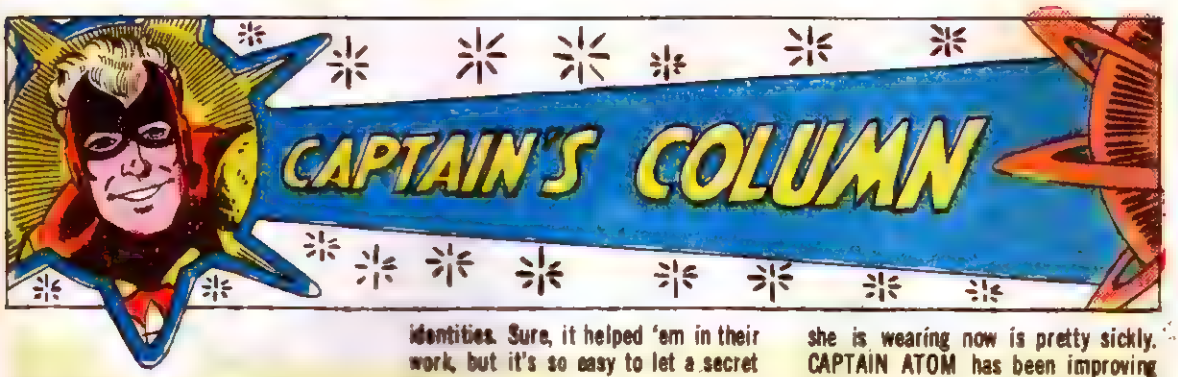
WITNESS AN EXPLOSIVE WIND-UP!

"AFTER THE FALL... A NEW BEGINNING!"



Dear Editor:

When I first started buying Charlton Comics with BLUE BEETLE No. 1, I thought that there couldn't be anything worse. Then, SON OF VULCAN came out, and proved otherwise. Charlton's action heroes got off to a bad start, but the improvements made in the past several months are almost unbelievable. You deserve a triple A+ for effort alone. CAPTAIN ATOM, THUNDERBOLT, JUDOMASTER and THE FIGHTIN' 5 have put Charlton third on my list. (Marvel is first, and National second, but mainly because of the tremendous volume they turn out.)

The latest CAPTAIN ATOM, "How Do You Catch A Ghost?", is the perfect example of the type of story that has moved Charlton closer to the top. Teleportation has been used before, but this is the best use of it that I've seen. Nightshade was a very pleasant surprise. The introduction of a new supporting character can add much to future stories.

I almost forgot to mention GHOSTLY TALES. No other comic company is offering anything like it. Please keep it coming.

Andrew Yanchus

Thanks, Andrew. It's very gratifying to know that our efforts to improve our product are noticed and appreciated. We'll not rest until we're #1 on your list...our competitors' volume notwithstanding.

Dear Editor:

It's good to see Charlton is beginning to see the light with letter columns, better stories, and the such.

Issue #82 of CAPTAIN ATOM was a pleasant surprise. The story was simple, and fairly well handled. The art was uncluttered but was not the regular fine art of Ditko. The only thing that I didn't like storywise was the revealing of C.A.'s and Nightshade's identities. Sure, it helped 'em in their work, but it's so easy to let a secret out.

Regardless of what I said above I'd like to let you know that Cap (& Charlton) are improving.

Richard Mills

Dear Editor:

Just finished reading CAPTAIN ATOM # 82 and I must say that it surpasses all your previous efforts on this hero. Earlier issues of CAPTAIN ATOM were lagging, and were not able to generate much interest from this reader. But I am glad that C.A. is taking a turn for the better, and I hope he continues to do so as he is a character with lots of potential.

As to villains such as Dr. Spectro and the Ghost, by all means keep them coming. Villains such as the ones mentioned above are perfectly suited for Capt Atom's powers and style of fighting. But these can also be overworked, too.

Nightshade is another good addition to your line of heroes, and I suggest after a few more of her appearances that she get a strip of her own. This would help to define her powers and strengthen her personality. When finished another superb character from Charlton will emerge...

Mike Robertson

Dear Editor:

CAPTAIN ATOM # 82 was the best one that has been published by your group so far. Mastroserio did a very good inking job on Ditko's pencils, and it makes Ditko's work look very different from anything he has done before. The Ghost and Nightshade were excellent additions to the story. At least the former got into the vaults of Fort Knox before he was foiled by Capt. Atom, which is something even Goldfinger didn't accomplish. By all means let's see more of Nightshade. She makes the story much more interesting and adds the romance needed by our atomic friend. Please give her a new costume though the one she is wearing now is pretty sickly. CAPTAIN ATOM has been improving each succeeding issue and I'm sure you'll keep striving for more perfection in future issues. Good luck.

Mark Engstrom

Dear Editor:

Dave Kaler's script was really great, this Ghost an intriguing villain with realistic powers and a personality to match. Nightshade made Captain Atom a good partner, and I for one would like to vote for her return. The main character, Captain Atom himself, has sure improved since he was returned to the Charlton lineup.

Art-wise, Steve Ditko and Rocke Mastroserio turned in the best...best... work I've ever seen from them. Keep this pencil-ink team intact. I predict excellent work from them both.

CAPTAIN ATOM is the very best of the Charlton mags, and if they all improve to the same degree as did this one, then I predict further excellence in the future. You can bet I'll be reading them then!

Guy H. Lillian III

The general consensus of opinion: Nightshade a good addition, but change her costume! The Ghost is worthy of return.

Although we are temporarily shelving both characters in order to present the startling changes in CAPTAIN ATOM, (this issue and next) we promise they'll both be back!

Dear Editor:

I never want to hear of Nightshade again. The last thing Captain Atom needs is a partner, especially a female. Besides, she has problems (page 12, panel 6), a crummy costume, and an over-used power-mastery of judo, karate, etc.

Joe D Kaposta

What's the matter, Joe, don't you like girls?-

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HMMMM, THINK I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN TUNE IN ON THE SOUND WAVE MAGNIFYER!

ATOP THE AWESOME VEHICLE, HYPER-SENSITIVE ANTENNAE PROBE ABOUT FOR SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT...

AND INSIDE

NUTS! WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT! NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF LATE, LATE SHOWS ON TV!

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BANG!

SHOTS! THAT MEANS ACTION! BETTER TUNE IN THE SONIC RADAR AND BE ON MY WAY!

NOW ALL I GOTTA DO IS SWITCH TO REMOTE CONTROL PILOT AND LOCK THE RADAR TO THE SOURCE OF THE SHOTS!
I CAN DO ANY NECESSARY STEERING WITH THE HAND-HOLD CONTROLS! I HOPE IT WORKS AS WELL AS IT DID IN MY PRACTICE FLIGHTS!
UH-OH! THE SONIC-INDICATOR TELLS ME I'M DIRECTLY OVER THE SPOT FROM WHICH THE SHOTS WERE FIRED!
THERE THEY ARE! NOW I'LL SEE IF ALL MY PRACTICE AND TRAINING HAS PAID OFF!
OOPS! GOT A LITTLE CLOSE TO THAT BUILDING! THIS IS MY FIRST REAL ACTION ...AND I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS!
HEY, KILLER, LOOK!
WHAT THE...? LET'S GET OUTTA HERE
GET HIM, YOU GUYS NO COSTUMED CREEP'S GONNA SPOIL THIS HEIST!
LOOKS LIKE THE BLUE BEETLE IS ABOUT TO "CRASH" A GOING-AWAY PARTY!
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HE SAID HE'S THE BLUE BEETLE!
HE AIN'T THE BLUE BEETLE I ONCE SEEN!
I'M NOT BUT YOU FELLAS WILL BE HURTIN' JUST AS MUCH WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU!
I MAY NOT BE THE SAME GUY, BUT MY GOALS ARE THE SAME!
CRAAAACK!
NOW YOU SHOULDN'T GO AROUND HITTING PEOPLE FROM BEHIND!
THWWWACK!
HEY! THIS ACTION BIT CAN BE FUN!
NOT FOR ME... UNNGHH!
WHACK!
I DON'T WANT TO SEEM IMMODEST, BUT YOU GUYS REALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH CHANCE AGAINST THE LIKES OF ME!
BIIIFF!
3

SUDDENLY...
DUCK, MEN!
HUHH!?
WHAT...? UNNHH!
POOOFF!
NOW LET'S FIND OUT WHO THIS BUNGLING BUFFOON REALLY IS!
SAAAY! WHAT IS THIS? IT WON'T BUDGE!
THIS IS SOME GET-UP! THE METALLIC CLOTH WON'T RIP AND I CAN'T PULL IT OFF!
STAND BACK, LAMEBRAINS! WHO CARES WHO HE IS! I'LL FINISH HIM OFF ONCE AND FOR ALL!
NEARBY POLICEMAN HEARS THE COMMOTION, AND...
HOLD IT! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IT'S THE COPS! LET'S BEAT IT!
STOP, OR I'LL SHOOT!
STEP ON IT, CHARLIE! WE GOT THE DOUGH, ANYWAY!
I WARN YOU... I'LL SHOOT!
UNNNGGHHH! THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY! I WAS TOO MUCH FOR THEM!

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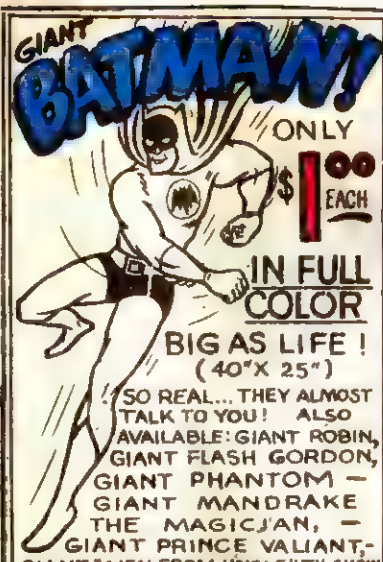

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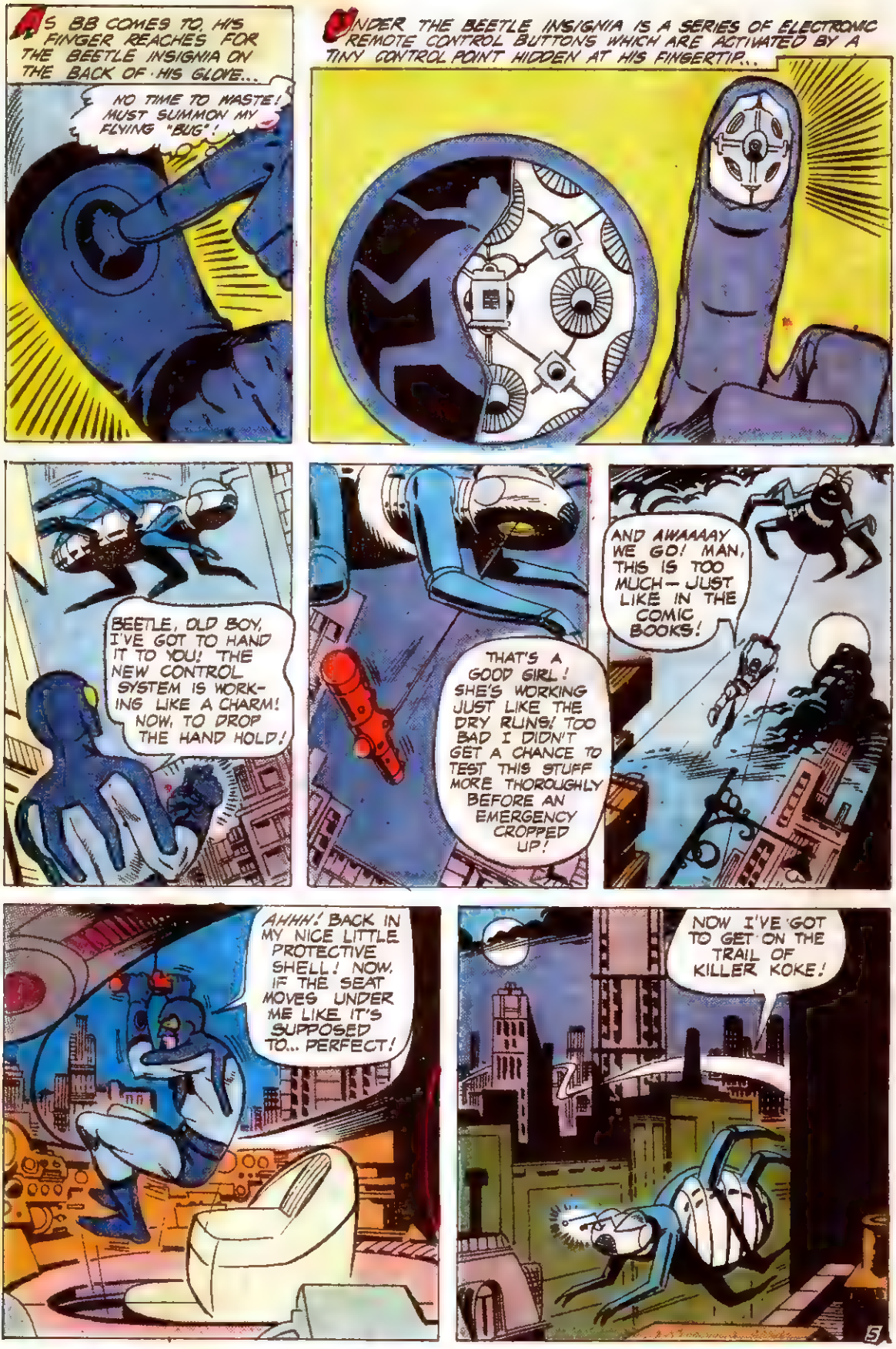
AS BB COMES TO HIS FINGER REACHES FOR THE BEETLE INSIGNIA ON THE BACK OF HIS GLOVE...
NO TIME TO WASTE! MUST SUMMON MY FLYING "BUG"!
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THAT'S A GOOD GIRL! SHE'S WORKING JUST LIKE THE DRY RUNS! TOO BAD I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO TEST THIS STUFF MORE THOROUGHLY BEFORE AN EMERGENCY CROPPED UP!
AND AWAAAAY WE GO! MAN, THIS IS TOO MUCH — JUST LIKE IN THE COMIC BOOKS!
AHHH! BACK IN MY NICE LITTLE PROTECTIVE SHELL! NOW, IF THE SEAT MOVES UNDER ME LIKE IT'S SUPPOSED TO... PERFECT!
NOW I'VE GOT TO GET ON THE TRAIL OF KILLER KOKE!
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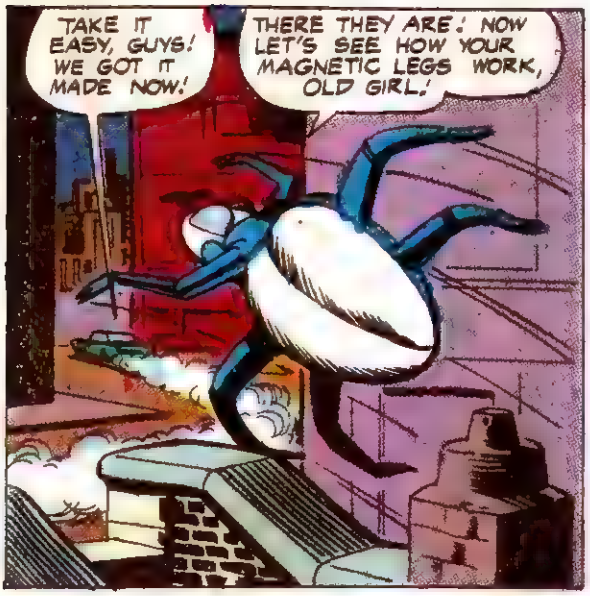
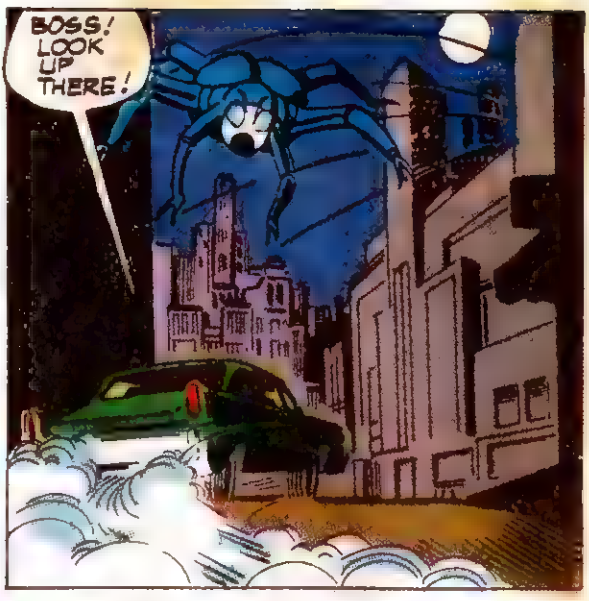

TAKE IT EASY, GUYS! WE GOT IT MADE NOW!
THERE THEY ARE! NOW LET'S SEE HOW YOUR MAGNETIC LEGS WORK, OLD GIRL!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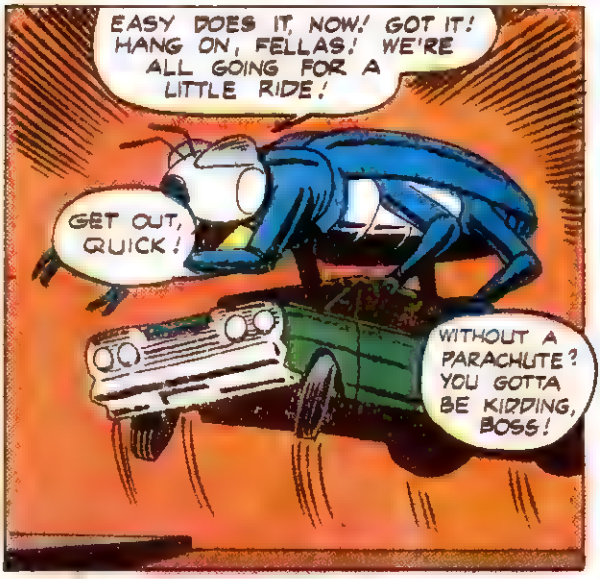
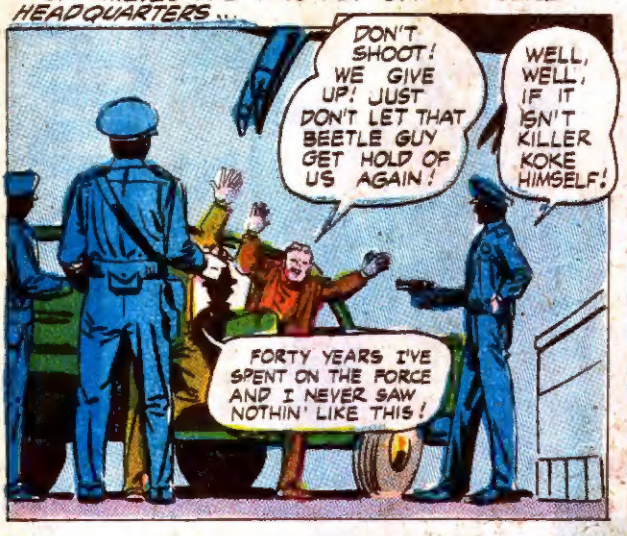

EASY DOES IT, NOW! GOT IT! HANG ON, FELLAS! WE'RE ALL GOING FOR A LITTLE RIDE!
GET OUT, QUICK!
WITHOUT A PARACHUTE? YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING, BOSS!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW, BOSS?
TAKE A NAP, BIRD-BRAIN! SHOOT THE BLAMED THING DOWN!

THE NERVE OF THOSE GUYS! THEY'RE ACTUALLY SHOOTING AT ME! WELL, THIS OUGHTA TAKE THE FIGHT OUTTA THEM!
YYYIIEEE! HE'S TURNIN' US UPSIDE DOWN!

STOP SHOOTIN', BOYS! HE'S LIABLE TO DROP US!
I...I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD, BOSS!
CHEE, AND I THOUGHT COPS WUZ ALL WE HAD TO FIGHT!

A SHORT TIME LATER, A BADLY SHAKEN BAND OF THIEVES ARE DROPPED OFF AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...


DON'T SHOOT! WE GIVE UP! JUST DON'T LET THAT BEETLE GUY GET HOLD OF US AGAIN!
WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T KILLER KOKE HIMSELF!
FORTY YEARS I'VE SPENT ON THE FORCE AND I NEVER SAW NOTHIN' LIKE THIS!

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NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, THOUGH! IT'S A GOOD THING KOKE DIDN'T GUESS MY MASK LOCKS UNDER MY CHIN AND CAN ONLY BE REMOVED BY TOUCHING THIS UNDER-CHIN CONTROL BUTTON WITH MY FINGERTIP CONTROL!

I GUESS KILLER KOKE'S GANG IS ENOUGH WORK FOR ONE NIGHT! GUESS I'LL HEAD FOR HOME AND GIVE MY BRAIN A GOOD NIGHT'S REST! MAYBE ANOTHER CHALLENGE WILL POP UP TOMORROW!

WHAT NEW ADVENTURES AWAIT BLUE BEETLE! ONLY YOU, FELLOW CHARLTONIANS, CAN SAY, FOR YOU HOLD OLD BB'S FATE IN YOUR EVER-LOVIN' HANDS! BE SURE TO DROP US A LINE AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK... BE YOUR VOTE YEA OR NEA! AND, IF YOU WANNA LEARN MORE ABOUT BB'S AMAZING TRANSFORMATION... WELL... WHO ARE WE TO KNOCK THE OPINIONS OF THE MASSES! SEE YA NEXT ISH, BABY WE HOPE!

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